

Business Area #8:
Massachusetts Avenue
Corridor

Boundaries: bordered by Kirkland Street, the Somerville Line, the B&M Railroad, Sherman Street, Garden Street, Waterhouse Street, Massachusetts Avenue, and Cambridge Street

Major areas of Business, Retail, and Industrial concentration include: retail shops, restaurants and offices between 1540 to 1880 Massachusetts Avenue, businesses and offices on Garden, Sherman and Oxford Streets.



1500-1900 Massachusetts Avenue

The third and final **commercial robbery** of the year in the Corridor was at a sporting goods store in the 1800 block of Mass Ave at closing time in late August. A suspect who implied that he had a gun in his coat threatened the clerk. The suspect rifled the register and fled the scene. The case is still under investigation. A robbery involving extortion and a strong-armed heist from a Mass Ave restaurant comprised the two commercial robberies recorded in the Corridor during the first six months of 2002. • All four of the **commercial breaks** in Business District #8 were in the 1700 to 1800 block of Mass Ave in late November and December. One of the incidents near Christmas was a professional job into a restaurant where the safe was removed. There has not been identifiable commercial break pattern in the corridor since 1997. Directed patrols continue to be effective in curtailing the weekend night breaks into variety stores, restaurants that haunted this area for a number of years. • **Larceny from buildings** continues to be a problem at local health clubs. The typical scenario revolves around the theft of the member's wallet from his locker while they are working out. The predominate time frame for this crime to occur is between noon and 2 PM on a weekday. In a number of these cases, major transactions are made with the stolen credit cards in a short window of time before they are cancelled. Arrests have been made but the problem persists. • There was a small spike in **larceny from persons** over the final six months of 2002 in this business district. The majority of the eleven larcenies between July and September were at two restaurants in the 1600 block of Mass Ave. The "pro dippers" may be moving uptown from Harvard Square and making their last calls and thefts in upscale Corridor establishments. •

CRIME	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Larceny from Building	19	33	31	29	34
Larceny from Person	3	12	9	10	17
Commercial Burglary	13	7	8	6	6
Commercial Robbery	1	4	0	3	3
Shoplifting	5	8	12	9	8
Fraud/Flim	17	14	21	27	29
Flam/Counterfeiting					

